



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUSLY AND ENDLESSLY
VULCANIZING RUBBER HOSE**

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AMENDMENT

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Applicants respond to the final office action mailed March 2, 2004. A copy of the claims presently being prosecuted in the application together with their status follows hereinbelow. Claims 3, 9, 11-13, 17-20, 25-30, and 33-36 are in the application.

Claims 25-29 have been allowed and claims 13 and 18-20 are objected to.

All remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice.

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Please amend claims 3, 9, 33 and 35.